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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET  
NO. RN97075

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING  
DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND  
INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

- is attached hereto.  
 was filed as United States application

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended

on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

- was filed as PCT international application

Number PCT/ FR98/01514 \_\_\_\_\_

on July 10, 1998 \_\_\_\_\_

and amended under PCT ARTICLE 19

on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119:**

COUNTRY PCT indicate PCT	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day month year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
FRANCE	97/09087	17 July 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **Bruno LANGLOIS**, of the City of **SAINTE GENEVIEVE DES BOIS, FRANCE**, and herein after termed the Assignor, is the inventor of certain new and useful improvements in the invention entitled

**FLUIDS FOR USE IN OILFIELD DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING DEACETYLATED XANTHAN GUM AND AT LEAST ONE COMPOUND INCREASING THE IONIC STRENGTH OF THE MEDIUM**

as set forth and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, bearing Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ which is a National Phase Application of **PCT/FR98/01514**, as filed on **July 10, 1998**, (Assignee empowered to complete this information when ascertained); and

WHEREAS, **RHODIA CHIMIE**, a corporation organized under the laws of France, having its principal place of business at 25, quai Paul Doumer, 92408 COURBEVOIE CEDEX, FRANCE, hereinafter termed the Assignee, desire to acquire said invention;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that I, the Assignor, being under an obligation to assign said invention to **RHODIA CHIMIE**, at the time the invention was made, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, application and the patent or patents now granted or to be granted thereon in the United States of America.

AND I, the Assignor, hereby affirm that my title in and to the invention hereby conveyed is free from any and all outstanding licenses or adverse rights and I hereby covenant that I will, for the consideration aforesaid, hereafter execute any and all lawful documents and papers which may be necessary to completely vest the title to the invention, the application and United States patents, and to any continuation, continuation in part, renewal, division or reissue of the application or patents, in the Assignee, its successors or assigns;

APPENDIX

**Assignment**

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AND I, the Assignor, hereby request and authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted on the application to the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name this 1<sup>st</sup>

day of January 2000, 1999.



**Bruno LANGLOIS**

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